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1. SUMMARY

THIS IS THE FINAL WEEKLY REPORT OF OPERATION TRIZO, PHASE I. HOWEVER, DEA WILL CONTINUE TO OBTAIN AND MAINTAIN STATISTICS ON YEAR ROUND OPIUM POPPY AND MARIHUANA ERADICATION. THE CULIACAN OPERATIONS CENTER WILL CONCLUDE THEIR INTENSIFIED ERADICATION PROGRAM ON APRIL 30TH, AND UNTIL THE INTENSIFIED EFFORT IS RESUMED BY PERSONNEL OF THE MEXICAN AG'S OFFICE, THE ACTIVITY BETWEEN NOW AND SEPTEMBER WILL BE DIRECTED AT THE MARIHUANA ERADICATION CAMPAIGN AND MOP-UP OPERATION OF ISOLATED OPIUM FIELDS. DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD A TOTAL OF 389 OPIUM FIELDS WAS DESTROYED, WHICH BRINGS THE GRAND TOTAL SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE CAMPAIGN TO 20,115 OPIUM FIELDS DESTROYED. THIS REPRESENTS APPROXIMATELY 5 TONS 170 KILOGRAMS OF HEROIN TAKEN OFF THE MARKET. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT DURING THIS ERADICATION CAMPAIGN, THE MAIN CONTRIBUTING FACTOR TO ITS SUCCESS WAS THS HERBICIDE SPRAY PROGRAM. OF THE ABOVE-MENTIONED GRAND TOTAL, 16,351 OPIUM FIELDS WERE DESTROYED BY THE USE OF HERBICIDES, WHILE 3,764 WERE DESTROYED BY THE CONVENTIONAL MANUAL METHOD OF SWATTING THE OPIUM

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POPPY PLANT WITH A STICK. END SUMMARY.

2. ERADICATION

(A) STATISTICAL SUMMARY

ZONE I - STATES OF SONORA, SINALOA, DURANGO, CHIHUAHUA.

OPIUM POPPU FIELDS DESTROYED BY HERBICIDES

FIELDS DESTROYED - 275

SQ METERS DESTROYED - 395,600

PLANTS DESTROYED - 8,922,600

HECTARES - 39.6

OPIUM POPPY FIELDS DESTROYED MANUALLY

FIELDS DESTROYED - 11

SQ METERS DESTROYED - 20,075

PLANTS DESTROYED - 374,350

HECTARES 2.01

MARIHUANA FIELDS DESTROYED MANUALLY

FIELDS DESTROYED - 13

SQ METERS DESTROYED - 21,600

PLANTS DESTROYED - 482,789

HECTARES - 2.2

ZONE II - STATES OF JALISCO, NAYARIT, COLIMA, ZACATECAS, AND
MICHOACAN.

OPIUM FIELDS DESTROYED BY HERBICIDES

FIELDS DESTROYED - 1

SQ METERS DESTROYED - 1,200

HECTARES - .12

OPIUM FIELDS DESTROYED MANUALL

FIELDS DESTROYED - 3

SQ METERS DESTROYED - 4,700

PLANTS DESTROYED - 22,000

HECTARES - .47

MARIHUANA FIELDS DESTROYED MANUALLY

FIELDS DESTROYED - 1

SQ METERS DESTROYED - 200

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PLANTS DESTROYED - 3,400

HECTARES - .02

ZONE III - STATES OF GUERRERO, MORELOS & OAXACA.

MARIHUANA FIELDS DESTROYED BY HERBICIDES

FIELDS DESTROYED - 23

SQ METERS DESTROYED - 50,000

PLANTS DESTROYED - 1,000,000

HECTARES - 5

(B) CUMULATIVE TOTALS (ALL THREE ZONES)

OPIUM FIELDS DESTROYED BY HERBICIDES

FIELDS DESTROYED - 16,351
SQ METERS DESTROYED - 39,704,720
HECTARES - 3,970.5

OPIUM FIELDS DESTROYED MANUALL

FIELDS DESTROYED - 3,764
SQ METERS DESTROYED - 11,997,088
PLANTS DESTROYED - 158,688,602
HECTARES - 1,199.7

MARIHUANA FIELDS DESTROYED BY HERBICIDES

FIELDS DESTROYED - 1,264
SQ METERS DESTROYED - 3,887,768
HECTARES - 388.8

MARIHUANA FIELDS DESTROYED MANUALLY

FIELDS DESTROYED - 1,661
SQ METERS DESTROYED - 5,014,172
PLANTS DESTROYED - 113,699,451
HECTARES - 501.4

(C) PERSONNEL DEPLOYMENT

NOTHING TO REPORT.

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3. INTERDICTION

(A) STATISTICAL SUMMARY

ZONE I - STATES OF SONORA, SINALOA, DURANGO & CHIHUAHUA.

3 KILOGRAMS 511 GRAMS HEROIN

3 KILOGRAMS 560 GRAMS OPIUM GUM

1. KILOGRAM OPIUM POPPY SEEDS

ASSORTED PARAPHERNALIA FOR HEROIN CONVERSION LAB

945 KILOGRAMS .050 GRAMS MARIHUANA

38 DEFENDANTS (4 AMERICANS)

30 WEAPONS

420 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION

2 AIRCRAFT

5 VEHICLES

ZONE II - STATES OF JALISCO, NAYARIT, COLIMA, ZACATECAS,
AND MICHOACAN.

500 GRAMS OF OPIUM GUM

14 TONS 368 KILOGRAMS MARIHUANA

600 GRAMS MARIHUANA SEED

22 WEAPONS

44 DEFENDANTS

1 SCALE

1 BRICK MOLD

2 AUTOMOBILES

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400 METERS OF IRRIGATION HOSE

ZONE III - STATES OF GUERRERO, MORELOS & OAXACA.

398 KILOGRAMS MARIHUANA

4 DEFENDANTS (4 AMERICANS)

2 WEAPONS

6 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION

(B) TOTAL CUMULATIVE INTERDICTION FIGURES (ALL THREE ZONES)

122 KILOGRAMS 585 GRAMS HEROIN

434 KILOGRAMS 908 GRAMS OPIUM GUM

24 KILOGRAMS 677 GRAMS OPIUM POPPY SEED

2 OPIUM PRESSES

220 GRAMS MORPHINE BASE

14 CONVERSION LABS

24 KILOGRAMS 266 GRAMS COCAINE

4,040,000 DOSAGE UNITS MINI-BENNIES

23 GRAMS BENZEDRINE

123,750 DOSAGE UNITS BENDEZDINE TABLETS

5 DOSAGE UNITS DEXEDRINE

466 DOSAGE UNITS OTHER ASSORTED DANGEROUS DRUGS

6 PILL PRESSES

1 KILOGRAM PEYOTE

185 DOSAGE UNITS AMPHETAMINES
3,630 DOSAGE UNITS MANDRAX PILLS
600 KILOGRAMS SECOBARBITOL
15,500,00 DOSAGE UNITS SECOBARBITOL
15,000,000 EMPTY CAPSULES
11 KILOGRAMS ADDITIVES FOR PILLS
1 SECOBARBITOL LABORATORY
6 KILOGRAMS 32 GRAMS HASHISH
230 TONS 211 KILOGRAMS 870 GRAMS MARIHUANA
474 KILOGRAMS 915 GRAMS MARIHUANA SEED
12 MARIHUANA PRESSES
1 MARIHUANA BRICK MOLD
30 GRAMS HALLUCINOGENIC MUSHROOMS
5 VESSELS
233 AUTOMOBILES
16 STATION WAGONS
8 CAMPERS
36 TRUCKS
4 TRAILER TRUCKS
33 AIRCRAFT
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1,602 DEFENDANTS
37 PAIR HANDCUFFS
852 WEAPONS
202,220 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION
25 AR-15 CLIPS
388 STICKS OF DYNAMITE
5-200 LITER DRUMS OF AVIATION FUEL
11,200 METERS OF IRRIGATION HOSE
5 PUMPS
5.5 LITERS ACETONE
1 CARTON PLASTIC BAGS
2 ROLLS PLASTIC BAGS
12 HYDRAULIC JACKS
2 AUTOMOBILE GAS TANKS FITTED WITH HIDDEN COMPARTMENTS
23 BEASTS OF BURDEN
15,500 COUNTERFEIT DOLLARS
71,400 U.S. DOLLARS

(B) USE OF INTERDICTION VEHICLES

NOTHING TO REPORT.

(C) MISSION ANALYSIS OF TRENDS

WE HAVE REPORTED SEVERAL TIMES THE SUCCESSES OF THIS
ERADICATION CAMPAIGN. ITS EFFECT IS STILL BEING CALCULATED AND
WILL BE SUMMARIZED IN A FINAL OPERATION TRIZE, PHASE I REPORT.
HOWEVER, THE MOST IMMEDIATE INDICATORS FROM DEA SOURCES ARE THAT
THE ERADICATION CAMPAIGN WAS THE MOST EFFECTIVE EVER CONDUCTED BY
GOM AND THAT IT SERIOUSLY AFFECTED THE AVAILABILITY OF OPIUM IN
THE ILLICIT MARKET. A DESPERATE REACTION TO THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THI
S

ERADICATION PROGRAM ON THE PART OF THE OPIUM GROWERS IS THE RECENT SHOOTING AT HELICOPTERS WHICH HERETOFORE WAS UNUSUAL. HOWEVER, IN THE PAST WEEK, THERE HAVE BEEN FOUR INCIDENTS OF THIS TYPE. OBVIOUSLY, THE OPIUM GROWERS VIEW THE HELICOPTER AS THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT TOOL UTILIZED BY GOM TO CAUSE THE DESTRUCTION OF THEIR ILLICIT OPIUM FIELDS. THIS TYPE OF HOSTILE REACTION ON THE PART OF OPIUM GROWERS MAY CAUSE SEVERE RETALIATION BY GOM UTILIZING ARMY TROOPS TO NEUTRALIZE THE PROBLEM; AND, OF COURSE, THIS WILL FURTHER CONTRIBUTE TO THE REDUCTION OF OPIUM GROWING IN THESE AREAS. IT IS DIFFICULT TO PREDICT WHEN SUCH A RETALIATION COULD OCCUR, BUT IF THE OPIUM GROWERS CONTINUE TO FIRE AT HELICOPTERS, WE CAN EXPECT THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE MILITARY WILL BE ASKED TO SEARCH AND DESTROY THOSE ANTI-GOVERNMENT ELEMENTS.

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4. COMMENTS:

THIS REPORT WILL CONCLUDE 23 WEEKS OF INTENSIFIED OPIUM ERADICATION ACTIVITIES ON THE PART OF ELEMENTS OF THE MEXICAN AG'S OFFICE, SUPPORTED BY MEXICAN ARMY SOLDIERS. THIS INTENSIFIED ERADICATION CAMPAIGN WAS SIGNIFICANT NOT ONLY IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF OPIUM FIELDS DESTROYED, WHICH IN ITSELF IS COMMENDABLE, BUT BECAUSE THE GOM DECIDED TO PURSUE A DIFFREENT COURSE OF ACTION IN FINDING A BETTER WAY TO CONDUCT THEIR ERADICATION PROGRAM. GOM EVIDENCED A NEW AND TOTAL AWARENESS OF THE MAGNITUDE OF THE PROBLEM THE MEXCIAN AG'S CHOSE TO FIGHT IT, DISREGARDING TO SOME EXTENT GOM'S BASIC SOVEREIGNTY AND POLITICAL POSITIONS, AND TO ACCEPT NEW IDEAS, CONCEPTS, AND OPEN ASSISTANCE FROM THE U.S.G. IT WAS FROM EXAMPLE AND ADVICE AND NOT DIRECTION THAT NEW METHODS WERE ACCEPTED, AND PRINCIGAPPLY THE MASSIVE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM LARGELY CONTRIBUTED TO THE OVERALL SUCCES OF THIS CAMPAIGN. THERE ARE MANY, BOTH MEXICAN AND AMERICAN, INVOLVED IN THIS PROGRAM WHO SHOULD HAVE A FEELING OF SATISFACTION FOR A JOB WELL DONE. HOWEVER, A SERIOUS REDUCTION OF MEXICAN BROWN HEROIN IN THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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U.S. WILL ONLY COME ABOUT BY A FOLLOW THROUGH OF THIS ERADICATION CAMPAIGN. IT IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY TO CONTINUE THIS PRGERAM IN SEPTEMBER OF THIS YEAR, WHICH WE REGARD AS PHASE II OF OPERATION TRIZO, AND THE CONTINUE TO MAINGAIN THIS TYPE OF ERADICATION PROGRAM UNTIL THIS PROBLEM IS UNDER CONTROL.

E. AVIATION OPERATIONS

REPORTING PERIOD: 22 TO 28 APRIL 1976.

1. AG AIRCRAFT HOURS FLOWN AND AVAILABILITY.

A. MODEL 212: 162:36 HRS:MINS

AVAILABILITY: 69.7 PERCENT

B. MODEL 206-B: 106:18 HRS/MINS.

AVAILABILITY: 63 PERCENT

C. CESSNA 185: 31:00 HRS

AVAILABILITY: 85 PERCENT

D. AERO COMMANDERS: 14:06 HRSXMINS

AVAILABILITY: 66 PERCENT

E. PORTER STOL: 7:24 HRS/MINS

AVAIABILITY: 100 PERCENT

F. CESSNA CITATION: 6:48 HRS/MINS

AVAILABILITY: 100 PERCENT

TOTAL HOURS FLOWN BY AG AIRCRAFT: 328:12 HRS/MINS.
NOTE: THE TOTAL AMOUNT FOR THE WEEKLY REPORTING PERIOD EXCEEDS PREVIOUS WEEK BY APPROXIMATELY 100 HRS. TIMES ARE NOT AVAILABLE ON THE NUMBER OF HOURS FLOWN BY EITHER SIMPLEX II OR MICROFOIL EQUIPPED SHIPS; HOWEVER, THERE ARE FOUR SPRAY SHIPS STILL FLYING MISSIONS IN ZONE I CONSISTING OF TWO EACH TYPE.

2. MAINTENANCE:

A. SENIOR STAFF MEMBER SOLIS REPORTS THE MOVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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TO THE NEW AG HANGAR FACILITY IS APPROXIMATELY 90 PERCENT COMPLETED. THE TWO-STORY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES BUILDING IS NOW OPERATIONAL WITH MOST OFFICES FURNISHED AND STAFFED.

B. THE CRASH DAMAGED MODEL 21 (XC-BET) IS PRESENTLY AWAITING STRESS ANALYSIS BY A QUALIFIED INSPECTOR PRIOR TO PROCEEDING ON THE REPAIRS.

D. DURING FIRST MEETING WITH DR. GERTZ AND SENIOR STAFF ON THE SAO/MEX SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS SOLIS FINALLY ADMITTED HIS NEED FOR A RESIDENT ADVISOR/INSTRUCTOR TECHNICIAN TO ASSIST HIM ON THE TOTAL SPECTRUM OF MAINTENANCE-RELATED PROBLEMS. ONCE MORE, SOLIS WAS EXTREMELY CRITICAL ON THE MIX OF BHC TECHNICIANS AND UNDERScoreD HE WOULD RELY HEAVILY ON THE NEW ADVISOR/INSTRUCTOR TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE TYPE OF TECHNICIANS MOST RESPONSIVE TO AG AERO SERVICES NEEDS. NOTE: DURING PAST DISCUSSIONS, SOLIS HAD BEEN HESITANT ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE POSITION; HE APPARENTLY HAD THE MISCONCEPTION THAT WE WERE THINKING OF ADDING YET ANOTHER SUPERVISORY LAYER TO THE BHC TEAM.

3. STOL AIRCRAFT TRAINING PROGRAM:

A. PILOT/INSTRUCTOR MSCHANE COMMENCED THE GROUND SCHOOL TRAINING FOR THE GROUP OF AG PILOTS PREVIOUSLY SELECTED BY SOLIS AND CAPTAIN VIDEZ. AFTER THE SECOND DAY, ENG. MARISCAL FLORES, SENIOR AVIATION ADVISOR FOR AG STAFF, INFORMED DR. GERTZ HE SHOULD HIRE TWO NEW PILOTS FOR THE STOL PROGRAM. TWO NEW PILOTS WERE HIRED IN AMAZINGLY SHORT TIME AND ARE NOW RECEIVING TRAINING CONDUCTED BY PILOT INSTRUCTOR MSCHANE. NOTE: STEERING COMMITTEE HAS

RECEIVED LAUDATORY COMMENTS ON MCAHANE'S PROFICIENCY
FROM CAPTAIN VIDEZ, SOLIS, AND MOST RECENTLY FROM
DR. GERTZ. DR. GERTZ COMMENTED THE AG
OFFICE NEEDS MORE MCSHANE-TYPES TO PROVIDE THE
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE THE AERO SERVICE REQUIRES.
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B. THE STEERING COMMITTEE WILL RELY ON FORD
AND MCSHANE'S EVALUATION OF THE STUDENT PILOT PRO-
GRESS TO DETERMINE IF EXTENSION OF CONTRACT IS
REQUIRED AFTER THE MAY 14 TERMINATION DATE. THE
AG OFFICE AMENDMENT TO EHI CONTRACT BECAME EFFECTIVE
ON 15 APRIL FOR A PERIOD OF 30 DAYS.

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4. BHC CONTRACT: ON MONDAY, 26 APRIL, BHC FACILITY
SUPERVISOR RUSSELL PROVIDED A TWO-HOUR BRIEFING FOR
STEERING COMMITTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF ACTING REGIONAL
DIRECTOR RALPH M. FRIAS.

F. MOPSS AND OTHER SYSTEMS:

1. EVERGREEN HELICOPTER, INCORPORATED (EHI)
REPRESENTATIVE ERNIE BRACH RETURNED TO MEXICO CITY
DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD ACCOMPANIED BY DR.
LINKER, PHYSICIST, FROM MCDONNELL-DOUGLES TO
PROVIDE A BRIEFING FOR AG SENIOR STAFF MEMBER SOLIS
ON A MULTISPECTRAL INFRA-RED PHOTOGRAPHY SENSING
SYSTEM. BRACH HAD BROACHED THE SUBJECT WITH SOLIS
DURING HIS PREVIOUS TDY TO NEGOTIATE THE
AMENDMENT TO THE AG EHI CONTRACT WHEN HE WAS
APPRISED BY SOLIS THAT HE WAS EXPLORING OTHER TYPES
OF MORE EFFECTIVE SENSING SYSTEMS. SOLIS AGREED
TO VISIT THE FACILITIES IN CALIFORNIA AT AG EXPENSE
TO INSPECT THE AIRCRAFT AND EQUIPMENT AND OBSERVE
SOME OF THEIR RESULTS IN INFRA-RED PHOTOGRAPHY SENSING.

2. SYSTEMS PLANNING CORPORATION (SPC) CONTRACT
TECHNICIAN SYLVESTER RETURNED TO CULIACAN
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TO MONITOR AND PARTICIPATE IN THE ONTRAC II NAVIGA-
TIONAL SYSTEM TRAINING PROGRAM. SOLIS AGREED TO
HAVE THE PILOTS AND THE MOPSSHRETROFITTED AIRCRAFT
IN CULIACAN ON APRIL 27. TDY TECHNICIAN GROOM ALSO
DEPARTED FOR CUUACAN TO WIND UP THE FUNDING ACTI-
VITIES IN CULIACAN AND SERVE AS U.S.G. CONTRACT
OFFICER REPRESENTATIVE ON THE
COMMUNICATIONS COMPONENTS CORPORATION (CCC) CONTRACT
REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO ONTRAC II TRAINING.

3. CCC FACTORY OFFICIAL (ALSENE) AND TECHREP TOM
HENDERSON ARRIVED IN CULIACAN ON 27 APRIL VIA COMPANY
AIRCRAFT TO COMMENCE ONTRAC II TRAINING PROGRAM FOR
A PERIOD NTE 10 DAYS.

4. RSPORTS FROM ZONE I INDICATE MAJORITY OF AG
MOPSS TECHNICIANS ARE STILL IN CULIACAN PERFORMING
THEIR DUTIES WHENEVER MISSIONS ARE FLOWN. FURTHER,
THEY RECENTLY COMMENCED AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH MISSIONS
SOUTH OF 24 DEGREES LATITUDE IN ORDER TO
COMPILE MOSAICS OF UNMAPPED AREAS.

G. TELECOMMUNICATIONS

1. BOTH TELECOM TECHNICIANS WHO HAD BEEN ON
TDY WORKING IN MEXICO CITY AND IN THE ZONES ARE
SCHEDULED TO DEPART SHORTLY AFTER THIS REPORTING
PERIOD.

2. SER/INC TECHNICIAN LEE SUBMITTED A DETAILED
PAPER ON THE AG TELECOM SITUATION WHICH WILL BE
DISCUSSED IN DETAIL WITH SAO/MEX GROUP VERY SOON.

3. TELECOM TECHNICIAN AL NAUROCKI RETURNED
TO HIS HOME BASE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. WITH U.S.
CUSTOMS AGENCY.

4. ONE OF THE MAJOR TALKING POINTS WITH BOTH SAO/MEX GROUP AND AG SENIOR STAFF WILL ADDRESS THE POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A RESIDENT TELECOM ADVISOR POSITION OF R A FULL TOUR. DR. GERTZ HAS COMMENTED ON HIS PERCEIVED REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CANDIDATE.

H. HERBICIDES

1. RECENT INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM A RELIABLE DOW QUIMICA, S.A. SOURCE REVEALED THAT AG OFFICE PURCHASED U.S. DOLLARS 160,000 OF AMINA 2-4-D DURING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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THE RECENT CAMPAIGN PERIOD. (TWO MILLION PESOS LOCAL CURRENCY).

2. DR. GERTZ PLANS TO CONTINUE TESTING WITH OTHER HERBICIDES, BOTH DIRECT CONTACT AND SYSTEMATIC, TO DETERMINE WHICH PROVES TO BE MORE EFFECTIVE AGAINST BOTH MARIHUANA AND POPPY. HE MENTIONED GRAMOXONE AND TORDON. HE ALSO MENTIONED THE POSSIBILITY OF A RESIDUAL AGENT WHICH WOULD PREVENT THE GROWING OF BROADLEAF PLANTS FOR A PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS BUT WOULD BE USED, IF USED AT ALL, ON A HIGHLY SELECTIVE BASIS.

3. THERE HAS BEEN A RASH OF INCIDENTS RELATED TO HOSTILE GROUND FIRE AGAINST THE RW SPARY AIRCRAFT IN ZONE I DURING THE PAST TWO WEEKS. THIS TOPIC IS SUBJECT OF SEPTTEL.

4. DATA DERIVED FROM THE AERIAL RANDOM SAMPLING HAVE BEEN ANALYZED AND UNFORTUNATELY DO NOT CONTRIBUTE TO A MORE EXACTING STATISTICAL BASE THAN THAT PRESENTLY KNOWN.

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